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SUBJECT: INDIA DENIES WORKING ON A HYDROGEN DEVICE

REF: NEW DELHI 8358

1. ACCORDING TO A JUNE 25 INDIAN WIRE SERVICE (PTI) REPORT, AN OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN OF THE INDIAN DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY DESCRIBED AS "ABSOLUTELY WITHOUT FOUNDATION AND TOTALLY INCORRECT" A NEWS AGENCY REPORT THAT INDIA WAS WORKING ON A THERMONUCLEAR EXPLOSION DEVICE. THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE STORY HAD GIVEN "A MISLEADING AND INCORRECT INFERENCE" TO WHAT BARC DIRECTOR RAMANNA SAID AT A GATHERING OF SCIENTISTS AT CALCUTTA ON JUNE 7. THE
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SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT IN NEW DELHI THAT WHAT RAMANNA HAD REFER-

RED TO AS "THE NEXT EXCITING EVENT" WAS THE VARIABLE ENERGY CYCLOTRON PROJECT. THE BEAM FROM THIS PROJECT WOULD BE AVAILABLE IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS. IT WOULD BE A VALUABLE AID FOR RESEARCH AND WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO VARIOUS INSTITUTIONS AND COLLEGES IN THE COUNTRY.

2. COMMENT: WE WILL REPORT ANY ADDITIONAL RELEVANT BACKGROUND WE PICK UP. UNLESS INSTRUCTED TO THE CONTRARY BY THE DEPARTMENT, WE WILL NOT PURSUE THIS SUBJECT FORMALLY WITH INDIAN OFFICIALS BEYOND CONSUL GENERAL BANE'S CONVERSATION WITH BRAC DIRECTOR RAMANNA (REFTEL).
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